The United States Marine Corps

Role of the United States Marine Corps

The Marine Corps is America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness – a balanced air-ground-logistics team. We are forward deployed and forward engaged: shaping, training, deterring, and responding to all manner of crises and contingencies. We create options and decision space for our Nation's leaders. Alert and ready, we respond to today's crisis with today's force…..TODAY. Responsive and scalable, we team with other Services, interagency partners, and allies. We enable and participate in joint and combined operations of any magnitude. A middleweight force, we are light enough to get there quickly, but heavy enough to carry the day upon arrival, and capable of operating independent of local infrastructure. We operate throughout the spectrum of threats – irregular, hybrid, conventional – or the gray areas where they overlap. Marines are always ready to respond whenever the Nation calls…wherever the President may direct.

History of The Corps

- Established by act of Congress on 10 November 1775
- Early focus on ships detachments, navy yard barracks and provisional forces for expeditionary service ashore
- National Security Act of 1947 directed the Marine Corps to conduct:
  - The seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and other land operations to support naval campaigns

Marine Ethos

- All Marines receive basic infantry training
  - All Marine Officers are trained to serve as Platoon Commanders
- Marine Philosophy: "Centralized Planning, Decentralized Execution"
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- Delegate responsibility to the lowest level
- Initiative and autonomy is expected of our

Organization

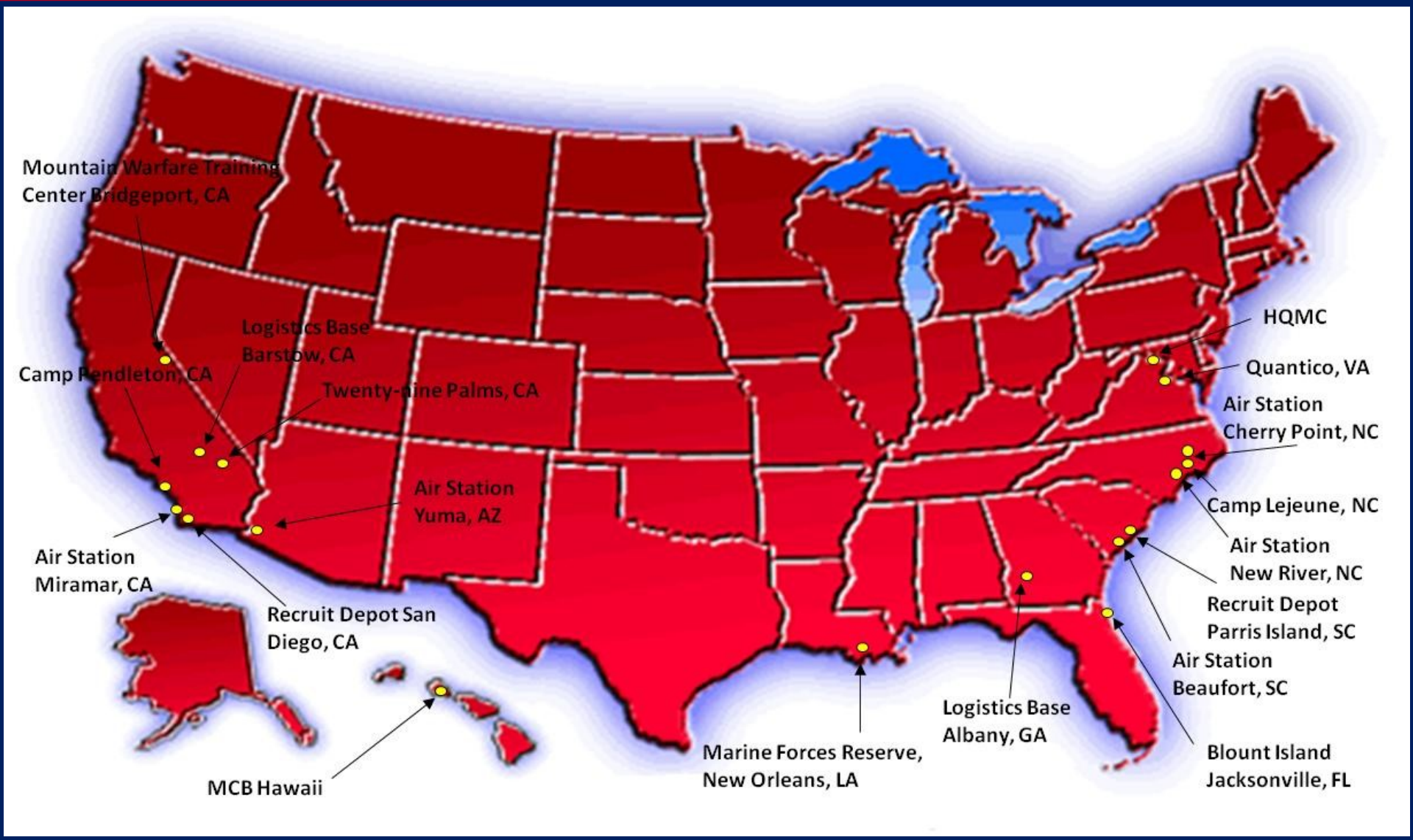
Supporting Establishment

- **Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC)**
- **Recruiting, Educating, Training, Equipping**
- **Bases and Stations**

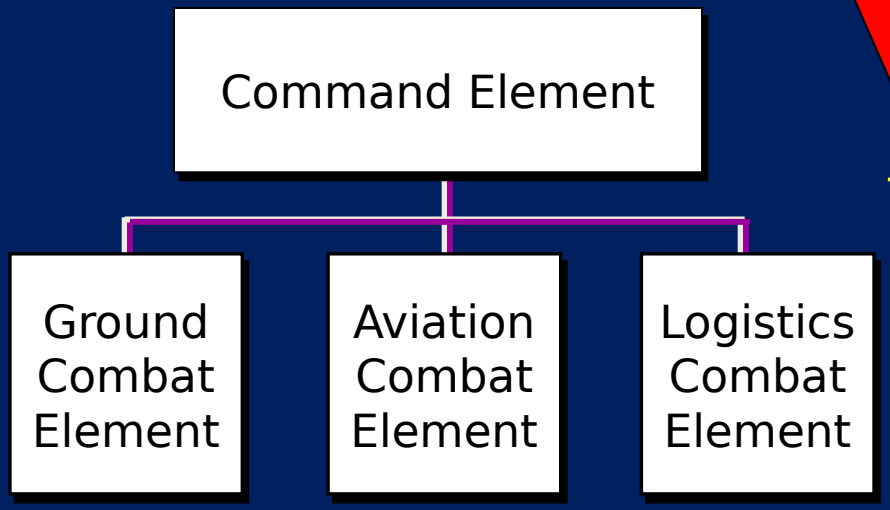
Operating Forces

- **Service Component Commands**
- **Marine Air Ground Task Forces (MAGTFs)**
- **Chem/Bio Incident Response Force (CBIRF)**
- **Marine Corps Security Force Regiment**
- **Marine Corps Embassy Security Group**
- **HMX-1 Presidential Support Squadron**

Marine Corps Installations



Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF)



Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF)~20-90K
Decisively Defeat

Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB)~15,000
Swiftly Defeat the Enemy

Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)~2,200
Forward Presence & Crisis Response

Special Purpose MAGTF
Non-Standard Missions

Scalable and Tailorable Combined Arms Teams

MAGTF Capabilities

Special Purpose MAGTF

Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)

Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB)

Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF)

Partner and Prevent

Crisis Response ..... Contingency Ops

Major Combat Operations

Tailored Response for any Contingency

Marine Expeditionary Force

Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB)

- Able to respond to a full range of crises and contingenci
- Can serve as enabler for joint / combined forces
- Deployment options:
  - By Amphibious Task Force (ATF)
  - By Maritime Prepositioning Squadron (MPS)

Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU)

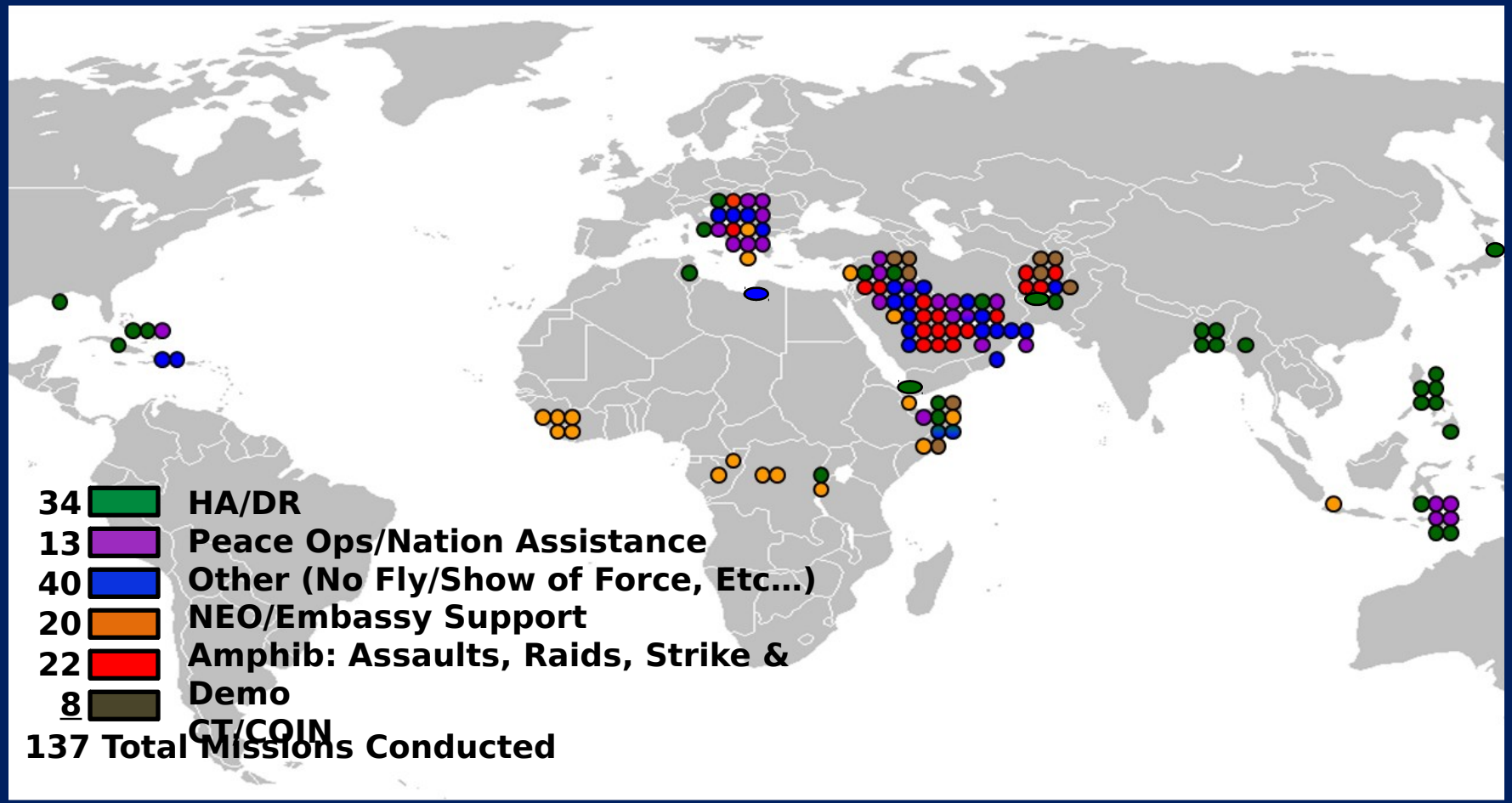
- Normally forward-deployed in/ne
  - Northeast Asia
  - Southwest Asia
  - Mediterranean Sea
- On-scene, On-call, Immediately employable
- Capable of conducting conventional &

  select maritime special purpose missions:
  - At Night
  - Over the Horizon
  - By surface and air
  - From the sea
  - Under adverse weather conditions
- Combatant Commanders'

Special Purpose MAGTF (SPMAGTF)

- Formed to accomplish a specific mission, operation or exercise.
- Typically formed to support combatant commander engagements, security cooperation and civil-military operations.
- Recent SPMAGTFs include:
  - SPMAGTF Katrina (2005)
  - SPMAGTF Unified Assistance (20
  - SPMAGTF Haiti (2010)
  - SPMAGTF Tomadachi (2011)

USMC Operations (Since 1990)


34 HA/DR
13 Peace Ops/Nation Assistance
40 Other (No Fly/Show of Force, Etc…)
20 NEO/Embassy Support
22 Amphib: Assaults, Raids, Strike & Demo
8 CT/COIN
137 Total Missions Conducted

Current Operations – MEU

AFGHANISTAN
UZBEKISTAN
TURKMENISTAN
IRAN
PAKIST
RC NORTH
NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan
NTM-A
VMAQ
RC WEST
RC EAST
RC CAPITAL
MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS TF & COMPANIES
RC (SW) & (W)
RC SOUTH
KANDAHAR
XXX
II MEF (FWD)
RC SOUTHWEST
MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FWD)-AFGHANISTAN
RC-SW HELMAND AND NIMRUZ PROVINCES
Counter-Insurgency Efforts in RC(SW)
Security
Taliban/Al Qaida
Afghan National Security Forces
Governance
Services
Credibility/Accountability
Development
Infrastructure
Agriculture

Security Cooperation

Amphibious forces are not only fighters, but also serve as trainers, mentors and advisors.

Multi-national Exercises

Security Force Assistance

Foreign Military Sales

Professional Military Education

- **Training with allies and partners**
- **Mentoring and advising foreign security forces**
- **Fostering multinational interoperability**
- **Utilizing the expertise of Foreign Area Officers**

Modernization of the Marine Corps

MV-22B Osprey

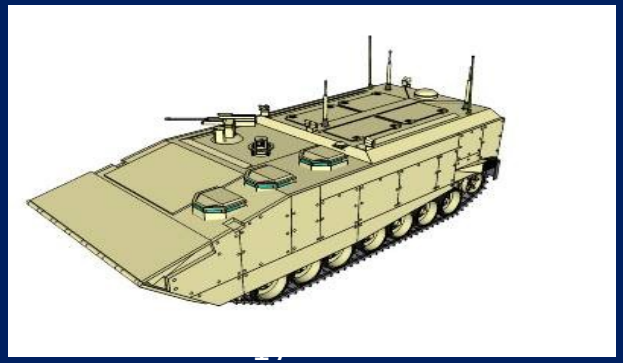
- **Multi-purpose assault support aircraft**
- **Replace fleet of Vietnam-era CH-46s and CH-53s**
- **Takes off/lands like helicopter, has transit speed and range of fixed-wing aircraft**

F-35B Joint Strike Fighter

- **Capable of short takeoff and vertical landings**
- **Replacing fleet of AV-8 Harriers, F/A-18 Hornets & EA-6B**

Amphibious Combat Vehicle

- **Provides ship-to-shore operations in permissive, uncertain, and hostile environments**
- **Will replace the early 1970s AAVs**



Ground Combat and Tactical Vehicle Modernization

Overarching USMC Objective:

- ***Marine ground combat forces require expeditionary protected mobility throughout the extended littoral operational environment across all types of terrain***

- ***ACV fills the critical gap for amphibious ops in JFEO and MCO, maneuvering rifle squads of the Infantry Battalion***
- ***MPC fills the gap for maneuvering the Infantry Battalion on the distributed battlespace in restricted terrain against irregular threats***
- ***JLTV fills the gap for maneuvering combat and combat support fire teams on the distributed battlespace with heavy weapons, forward communications***

"Our Ground Combat & Tactical Vehicle Strategy is designed to field and support a portfolio of complementary capabilities - <u>No one vehicle can do it all</u> while affordable and effective across the ROMO".

Aviation Modernization

- F-35B Lightning II (STOVL)
- MV-22B Osprey
- UH-1Y Venom/AH-1Z Viper
- KC-130J
- CH-53K
- UAS

Value of the Marine Corps

- **For 8.2% of the DoD Budget we provide the Nation with:**
  - **15% of Active Ground Maneuver Brigades**
  - **11% of the Fighter/Attack Aircraft**
  - **18% of the Attack Helicopters**
  - **20% of the US Military Personnel in Afghanistan**
  - **7 Flexible and Scalable Marine Expeditionary Units (MEUs) That Provide Crisis Response For The Nation**

IMPORTANT NOTE: 8.2% of the DoD Budget represents FY12 USMC Green dollars and the total Blue In Support of Green (BISOG) dollars e.g. Aviation Programs, Navy Corpsman, Doctors and Chaplain, and the average annual cost to build amphibious war ships.

Commandant's Priorities

- ***Priority #1: We will continue to provide the best trained and equipped Marine units to Afghanistan. This will not change. This remains our top priority!***

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- ***Priority #2: We will rebalance our Corps, posture it for the future and aggressively experiment with and implement new capabilities and***

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- ***Priority #3: We will better educate and train our Marines to succeed in distributed operations and increasingly complex e***

Commandant's Priorities

- ***Priority #4: We will keep faith with our Marines, our Sailors and our families.***

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